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EXAMINING GROUP 2833

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
Donald K. Harper Jr.

Serial No.: 09/460,007

Group Art Unit: 2833

Filing Date: December 13, 1999

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR HOUSING

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Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Final Rejection Dated November 7, 2001.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- ☐ Other: _____.

- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
 - ☐ a Small Business Concern
 - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: _____ .
- ☐ Other Material as follows: _____ .

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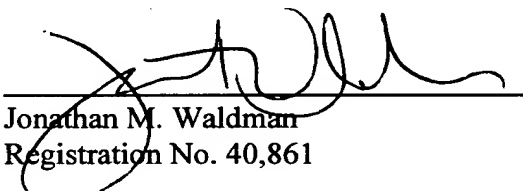
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- ☐ Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is

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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the final Official Action dated November 7, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, and 19-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, and 19-21 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11, 16, and 19-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Walker (U.S. Patent No. 5,788,510). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11, 16, and 19-21 are allowable over

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